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COMMENTS AND ACTIVITY

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REPAIR, E/C COUNSELOR DELIVERED USG COMMENTS ON UNCTAD DOCUMENT ON ROLE OF PATENT SYSTEM IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO LDC'S MARCH 27 TO MR. BENJAMIN W. PRAH, REGISTRAR-GENERAL. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED DOCUMENT, WOULD GIVE TO ONE OF HIS STAFF MEMBERS ATTENDING UNCTAD/SIDA SEMINAR AT NAIROBI BEGINNING APRIL 1, AND THEN WOULD STUDY IN DEPTH HIMSELF.

2. PRAH APPEARED VERY FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT, AND APPARENTLY SYMPATHETIC USG VIEW. HE WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF PATEL OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, WHOM HE BELIEVES FORCED THROUGH UNCTAD DOCUMENT. HE SAID PATEL LECTURING ON SUBJECT AT NAIROBI MEETING, EVIDENTLY TO PRAH'S DISPLEASURE.

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3. PRAH SAID UNCTAD APPEARS TO BE OBSTRUCTING OTHER

UN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (E.G., UNIDO AND WIPO).  
HE SAID "WE OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES"  
HOPE TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL  
PROPERTY OFFICES WITH OBJECT OF MODERNIZING AND HARMONIZING  
AFRICAN LAWS ON THIS SUBJECT. PRAH IS CHAIRMAN OF PREPARATORY  
GROUP. WHILE THERE IS CURRENTLY A COORDINATION (OR  
COMPETITION?) PROBLEM BETWEEN ECA AND WIPO, HE HOPES TO  
CONVENE A NEW MEETING IN NAIROBI BY SEPTEMBER. HE NOTED  
SIMILAR, PARALLEL EFFORTS BY COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT.  
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